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Petitioner)
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Changes in Part 97)
with regard to)
WRC-2003 Changes)

The object of this request to to Bring the United States into [Federal Communications Commission] into a easy change make the Issue of "CW" requirement for "HF" operations under 30 Mhz more workable for Amateur radio domestic licensed and foreign operators who may visit the US under Reciprocal License Operation's!

The best way to make the non-mandated changes to remove code from the licensing requirement for Operation below 30 Mhz would be to remove the element 1 from the exam for General.

Under this proposal the Extra Class would still require, the "CW" element to for testing, this would protect the needed "CW" element for Amateur Radio Licensing in the most advanced and highest class of Ham License in the USA!

All written question pools for the exam would remain the same, however the the question pool would only have to be change a very minor way! Some Questions involving the requirement for license would have to be changed or dropped from the pool. This would be only very minor changes need-ed by the VEC's for future exams.

The publishers of Text Books, and other related amateur related study material would be protected for a period of time, as no real effective changes in the the publication would be need-ed. The current 3 radio class written exams would be more or less unchanged in effect. This would also allow the printer's, publishers, and retail time to exhaust there ware's related to changes. The use of audio aides involving "CW" study would be such as "CD's" and "Tapes" would not useless inventory as they would still be need-ed for future "Extra" Class exams. This proposal drafted to protect the future of "CW" and other future "Digital" modes used on amateur radio, with out wholesale scrapping of publications and custom manufactured items for sale!

The object is not to give the "Tech's" of today the total freedom of HF operation until they have passed written element number 3 [General Exam]. This would preserve the present 3 class license's, and still preserve the issue of "CW" communications for the future.

The need for the current "Tech" licensee to show proof that they meet the current technical standards by passing Element 3 to prove there ability to operate on HF!

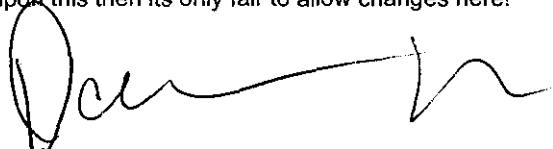
Most other countries have only (2) classes of License, but the standard of there exams in most case are a bit higher, so instead of just giving the "Tech" class total HF operation they should be required to Take Element 3 exam as requirement!

Again the simple thing without complex re-writing of the 47 CFR Part 97 changes is just to drop element 1 from the General Exam, and make the TECH's who wish to take part in HF pass the Written Exam for General to qualify for HF operations!

Visiting Ham's who operate in this country from time to time in the future may be the "No-Code" type, and due to the nature of international radio treaty's may end up on HF with or without following our own domestic federal radio rules. It would be hard to enforce out 3 class license system on other country's who have less than 3 classes. In the interest of making it simple, and not confusing to the visiting ham's would be considered same Class as our General Class, unless they had the "CW" element from there home country! They would be considered "Extras" with the "CW" element from there own home country! This would keep the un-qualified amateur visitors to Common United States amateur radio band plans!

If other governments are acting upon this then its only fair to allow changes here!

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